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THERE is an elementary biological urge, not exclusive to human beings, to retaliate, to strike back when hurt. It is neither good nor bad; it simply exists. If the wrongdoers are easily recognizable and can be apprehended, retaliation and revenge may be a moral though not a technical problem. If they are not, chances are that revenge will be taken on wholly innocent subjects: Those who have been made miserable wish to make others miserable too, and one would look in vain for any general principle of reason in this as in some other features of human behaviour. But there is something called "reason of state" which makes it prohibitive for a government to act as individuals may do, however overwhelming the pressures to put an end to frustration. However great the grief and justified the anger, emotions in the management of affairs of state are bad councillors. Whatever the demagogues say, who this time can rely in their appeal on one of the most powerful and elementary instincts (called by psychologists the nemesistic urge), there should be one and only one conclusion drawn: to do everything to strengthen this country's security.

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IT happens that this country is surrounded by peoples the majority of whom is both primitive and less than friendly disposed towards Israel. The aims of our policy must be both to safeguard her development and to bring about a change in the attitude of our neighbours. It would be senseless and probably suicidal to follow a policy which is not based on strength when faced with people with few if any psychological restraints, and who are convinced that Allah despises the weak and loves only the strong. It would be wrong, moreover, to assume that the defence of Israel will invariably mean inaction: it may very well make other things imperative in future in order to safeguard the existence of this country and the survival of its population. But strength is not synonymous with reckless adventurism and hysterical outcries. The first rule of politics is never, under any circumstances, to be emotionally provoked into taking action which would not stand the test of cool deliberation.

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BUT however painful the losses caused, however unpleasant the duties arising out of these events, it can only be hoped that this country will never be submerged under the turbid waves of chauvinism and nationalist exclusiveness. This is an issue with many facets, as a recent Knesset debate on who should be refused entrance into this country, has shown. Last week, a small group in Tel Aviv staged a demonstration against Prof. Franz. Boehm, an anti-Nazi visitor from Germany, which, of course, in a democratic country is their right. This was the same group which in 1940, when Hitler had already started exterminating Jews, demanded that peace with Germany should be restored at once and that no one in this country should enlist to fight Nazi Germany. As the party line changed, they repented, but the question continues to exist, nevertheless. There were Jews who collaborated with the Nazis; should such people be better in our eyes than non-Jews who fought Hitler all their lives? The question tends to show the complete absurdity of the exclusively nationalist and sometimes racial approach.

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TO stir chauvinistic passions under present conditions is morally wrong and politically unwise. One cannot blame a whole nation for the outrages perpetrated by a handful of terrorists and those in authority who have instigated their acts: our quarrel is with the Arab rulers, not with the Arab people.

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ISRAEL has not come to play a one-week stand on the Middle Eastern stage; she has come to stay. The Arabs will remain her neighbours: corrupt governments and politicians will pass, but the people will remain. And if the people are primitive and inarticulate today, this will probably not always be so. It may take many years, maybe a generation or two, and with today's hatemongers out of the way, enmity between the peoples, one hopes, will disappear, too, and peace be restored. Turning the other cheek will not expedite this historical process nor will indiscriminate retaliation. Obviously it is not a time for feeble tempers.

Jerusalem, March 21.

UK to Buy US Citrus Under FOA Plan

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — The Foreign Operations Administration announced today that Britain will buy $5m. worth of fruit in the U.S. during the next few months.

The FOA said that the British Government has indicated that about $1m. will be spent for grapefruit, $1.5m. for oranges, and $2.5m. for canned peaches and apricots.

Russia Warns Turkey Against Mid-East Pact

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter). — Russia has warned Turkey that moves towards creation of a pro-Western military bloc in the Near and Middle East threaten relations with the Soviet Union.

A note handed to the Turkish Embassy here said that Turkey must bear full responsibility for the consequences, it was announced early today.

It declared that Turkey's proposed pact with Pakistan apparently provided for comprehensive military and other collaboration and stated that this "could not but affect the security of neighbouring countries."

Moscow Radio and "Izvestia," the Soviet Government newspaper, reinforced the warning.

The radio charged that the visit to Athens and Ankara of West German Chancellor Adenauer was "closely linked to the plans of American aggressive circles in the Near and Middle East."

Charges Aggression

Recalling that Turkey and Pakistan have a military agreement, the broadcast accused "aggressive circles" of attempting to create "a largely military aggression on the frontiers of the Soviet Union" extending from West Germany to Pakistan.

"Izvestia," referring to "the intrigues of American imperialism in the Near East," commented on the forthcoming conclusion of a military pact between Pakistan and the U.S., and mentioned the Soviet note to Turkey.

The article also dealt with the alleged attempts of the Bonn Government to revive Germany's old ties in the Balkans and to establish a Washington-Bonn-Ankara axis.

In Ankara, Western Germany and Turkey today formally declared that German contribution to Western defence was a necessity, and the best way to achieve this was through the E.D.C.

This statement was contained in a communique which was issued after two days' consultations between West German Chancellor Adenauer and Turkish Prime Minister Adman Menderes.

Supports Rearmament

This was the most definite form of support yet given by Turkey to the European Army. Hitherto Turkey has said she supported German rearmament whichever way it might be achieved.

In Belgrade, the Yugoslav State Secretary for National Defence announced yesterday that the General Staff representatives of Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia would meet in Ankara on March 24, Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, reported. The announcement said that at these talks the discussion of military matters of interest to all three countries joined in the Balkan pact would be resumed.

Ali Rejects Demands For New Pakistani Elections

KARACHI, Saturday. — Prime Minister Mohammed Ali tonight refused opposition demands that Pakistan's Constituent Assembly be dissolved and new elections held throughout the country following an election rout of the governing Moslem League in the province of East Bengal, where more than half of Pakistan's population lives.

The Prime Minister told Parliament that his Central Government and the Moslem League had accepted the "democratic and free" verdict of the East Bengal voters, who swept the Moslem League out of power in elections to the provincial legislature.

But he added there is no question of the Constituent Assembly being dissolved, as there was "neither any constitutional nor any compelling reason."

Meanwhile, a report tonight from Dacca, chief city of East Bengal, said that the United Front had gained an absolute majority in last week's elections. An absolute majority is 155 seats in the Assembly of 309 seats.

(UP, Reuter)

US Hands Russia Detailed Atom Plan

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). —Secretary of State Dulles yesterday handed Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin "a concrete plan to further the peaceful development and use of atomic energy," the State Department announced yesterday.

The plan was prepared "in consultation with other friendly governments concerned," a written statement said.

"The Soviet Government has also transmitted to the U.S. Government certain proposals in connection with the general subject of atomic matters," the announcement added. "These proposals are under study."

Mr. Zarubin called on Mr. Dulles to receive a copy of the U.S. proposal. The visit was a very brief one.

USSR Protests US Bases in Holland

LONDON, Saturday. — The USSR has protested to Holland against the establishment of U.S. bases on her territory in peacetime, TASS reported today.

The protest was made two days ago by Soviet Ambassador to The Netherlands S. P. Kirsanov.

The statement read: "Recently, the Dutch press published statements made by the War and Navy Minister of The Netherlands from which it results that the Government of The Netherlands had agreed to the stationing of American Air Force personnel on the territory of The Netherlands.

"It is quite obvious that the establishment of American bases on Dutch territory in peacetime has nothing in common with the purpose of any defence, as it is well known that Holland is not threatened with attack.

"At the present time, when measures are being taken to relax international tension and to strengthen peace, such actions on the part of the Dutch Government must be considered all the more unjustified."

The note concluded by drawing the Dutch Government's attention "to the fact that the granting of military bases to foreign states and the stationing of foreign troops on Netherlands territory can by no means contribute to the improvement of the international atmosphere and to relations between countries."

(Reuter, UP)

Conscription for EDC Legalized in Germany

BONN, GERMANY, Saturday, (UP). — The Bundesrat (Upper House) yesterday approved a constitutional amendment enabling the Government to conscript 18-year-old males for service in a new German army. The vote was 26 to 12, with the Socialists opposing.

Both the Upper and Lower Houses have ratified the European Army treaty which provides for German rearmament within a European Defence Community, and the constitutional amendment was passed by the Lower House in February.

The amendment now goes to the three Western occupying powers for final approval.

It specifically gives the Federal Government the right to draft 18-year-old youths for service when the European Army treaty finally becomes effective.

CHANCES DIM FOR SUEZ TALKS

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM,
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Saturday. — The chances of an Anglo-Egyptian agreement momentarily seem less bright following the fresh outbreak of terrorism in the Canal Zone.

How far this outbreak is itself connected with the undercover approaches sponsored by the American Embassy in Cairo is doubtful, but President Nagib's latest public statements gave the impression that he had not been adequately informed by the junta of these diplomatic moves, and was asserting his dignity by being difficult. Hence, his remark, which caused indignation here, that Egyptians had the right to retaliate against British security measures, which incidentally still fall short of what military authorities in the Canal Zone consider necessary.

Stiff Protest

Yesterday's British protest, delivered personally by Ambassador Stevenson to Nagib, was unusually stiff. The next round may consequently witness more drastic moves on both sides.

Apart from being incensed at the almost official encouragement given to terrorism in the latest Egyptian pronouncements, the British authorities in the Canal Zone are encountering a growing influx of armed gangs equipped from Egyptian Army depots, although this latter fact has hitherto only been hinted at. Any attempt to disarm them would probably entail considerable bloodshed.

The paradox is that, meanwhile, the political gap is being steadily narrowed, though neither side admits it and the Egyptians are strenuously denying that any approach has been made at all. Thus, the latest Egyptian formula is now reliably understood to include a proposal that British technicians attached to the Canal Zone under Egyptian control might wear uniforms and be subject to British military discipline within barracks, though not outside.

On the subject of Turkey, it is suggested in Cairo that the Canal Zone might be reactivated after joint consultation between Britain and Egypt. Nagib's latest remarks took exception to the inclusion of Turkey only insofar as her NATO membership might involve Egypt in a purely European conflict. Colleagues seem to have gone further and have agreed to include Persia as well.

There is thus growing readiness to accept a compromise, but paradoxically the tension has flared up at this very moment, possibly because some elements in Cairo do not want an agreement.

Britain Lifts Foreign Exchange Restrictions

LONDON, Saturday (UP). — Britain startled the world of finance and trade tonight by lifting her foreign exchange restrictions on the spending of Sterling in some 24 countries.

Simultaneously, the Treasury authorised the international gold market, which closed in London 15 years ago when World War II broke out, to reopen on Monday. It will pay Sterling for gold.

The countries affected are outside both the Dollar area and the Sterling area, but they hold some Sterling.

N.Y. WHARVES IDLE

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — Most of the Port of New York was idle today in the two-week-old strike brought on by union warfare, but there was slight activity in Brooklyn.

5 Bombs Explode In Cairo; Students Demonstrate

CAIRO, Saturday. — Five bombs exploded in Cairo within 18 hours and university students demonstrated in a flurry of unrest today as Britain pressed her protest to Egypt over Suez Canal Zone shootings.

The chain of explosions started late last night when a time bomb exploded on a window ledge in the vacant reading room of the Mohammed Ali Club while guests banqueted upstairs.

Next, a bomb went off under the clock tower on the main campus of Cairo University, smashing nearby windows.

Then another blew up in the telegraph office inside the main Cairo railroad station, shattering office windows.

The fourth bomb exploded at Cairo University's College of Arts this afternoon, knocking down an amphitheatre door.

A fifth explosion occurred in a drain pipe in the tea garden of the Swiss-owned Groppis restaurant, breaking windowpanes, and police were investigating whether a bomb caused the blast.

No casualties were reported.

A campus demonstration by 700 students at Cairo University followed the second blast. The demonstrators belonged to opposing student groups. One bunch shouted "Down with Fascism" and "Down with a one-ruler regime." The other faction tried to shout down the first faction.

Saud Arrives

Authorities believed that the bombs were set off by prearranged plan. They coincided with the arrival in Egypt of Saudi Arabia's King Saud.

Meanwhile, British Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson and U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery called on Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi.

The British Embassy announced that Sir Ralph called for the purpose of following up his strongly worded protest to President Mohammed Nagib yesterday regarding attacks on British soldiers in the Suez Canal Zone.

Three Britons have been killed, six have been wounded and two have been reported missing in the Canal Zone this month.

A senior British Army officer at Ismailia said today that the recent attacks generated high indignation in the garrison, particularly yesterday's shooting of two officers as they emerged from an army hospital.

Major W. R. Burhill, Quartermaster Officer assigned to the British Families Hospital at El-Ballah, died of two stomach wounds received yesterday. A small boy held aside the robes of a terrorist who chopped down Burhill and another officer with Sten gun fire 50 yards from the hospital gates.

The wounded officer was identified as a Captain Wilson; Administrative Officer at the hospital. His condition is not serious.

Egyptian Suffragettes End Hunger Strike

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — Egypt's suffragette leader Mme. Doria Shafik and seven of her supporters yesterday ended their one-week hunger strike after receiving assurances from President Mohammed Nagib.

They had been demanding seats for women in the Constituent Assembly which Egyptian voters will elect in July.

General Nagib's message said: "I have received your demands and have handed them over to the commission in charge of the formation of the Constituent Assembly."

French Assembly Approves New Defence Estimates

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — The French National Assembly today approved by 402 votes to 203 the Defence Budget for 1954-55. The estimates total 1,110,000m. francs compared with 1,232,000m. last year.

For the first time since the war, Socialists voted against the estimates. Their spokesmen had indicated that they did not consider that enough was being done to secure peace in Indo-China.

General de Goislard de Monsabert, Gaullist, announced that his group would vote for the estimates but expressed misgivings on the effect of the European Army plan. Unless a definite plan for organizing national defence was produced by June, he would reconsider voting for the Government, he added.

Israel to Take UN Action on Massacre

WASHINGTON, Saturday, (UP). — The Israel Embassy said yesterday that the "murderous attack by an organized Jordanian force" in the Negev desert, in which 11 Israel bus passengers were killed, will be brought by Israel before the United Nations Security Council.

The Embassy also stated that Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, on instructions from his Government, has asked for an interview with Secretary of State Dulles on the subject "as a matter of urgency."

Arabs Tell UN Chief Israel Moves Troops

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (UP). — The Arab bloc warned the U.N. today that Israel had stepped up troop movements on three borders and might be preparing a "new aggression."

Four Arab delegates, who said they spoke for all six Arab U.N. members, as well as Jordan, called on U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjoeld to convey the warning.

They said their Governments had cabled them early this week about Israeli "military movements of an unusual nature" on the Syrian, Lebanese and Jordan borders.

A spokesman for the group, Iraq's Awni Khalidy, told newsmen that some members of the group had "made clear that in case any aggression takes place from Israel, Arab countries other than states which are contiguous to Israel will not remain idle." He meant Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

Accompanying Khalidy were Gen. Abdul Hamid Ghaleb of Egypt, Rafik Asha of Syria, and Jamil Baroody of Saudi Arabia. Khalidy said Mr. Hammarskjoeld assured them he would seek a full report on the situation, presumably from the U.N.'s Truce Supervisor, Maj.-Gen. Vagn Bennike.

The U.N. chief, who returned from Europe only this morning, had a full calendar of business to take care of.

The festering Israel situation was discussed also at a luncheon attended by American delegate James Wadsworth, Dr. Ralph Bunche, former Palestine Mediator currently studying Jordan river development schemes, and other U.N. officials.

Syria is moving troops towards the Jordan border to aid the latter country in case of Israel aggression, "A-Diffa," the Old City daily, reported yesterday, quoting travellers returning from Syria. It was stated that the troops were being moved in hundreds of lorries.

On Friday, Syrian Defence Minister Dr. Marouf e-Dawalibi said that Syria was preparing to teach Israel a lesson as a result of the Lake Kinneret incidents. Syria would no longer be content with U.N. protests, but would "repulse future attacks by fire and iron."

UN to Meet On Suez on Tuesday

NEW YORK, Saturday. — The Security Council is to meet on Tuesday to consider the New Zealand resolution submitted yesterday calling upon Egypt to cease restrictions on traffic in the Suez Canal and referring Israel's complaint on the subject to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

The text of the draft resolution follows:

"The Security Council, having considered the complaint of Israel against Egypt concerning: (a) Enforcement by Egypt of restrictions on the passage of ships trading with Israel through the Suez Canal; (b) Interference by Egypt with shipping proceeding to the Israel port of Eilat on the Gulf of Akaba;

"Noting the statements made before the Council by the representatives of Egypt and Israel;

"Recalling its resolution of September 1, 1951:

"1. Notes with grave concern that Egypt has not complied with the resolution;

"2. Calls upon Egypt in accordance with her obligations under the Charter to comply therewith;

"3. Considers that, without prejudice to the provisions of the resolution of September 1, 1951, the complaint referred to in sub-paragraph (b) above should in the first instance be dealt with by the Mixed Armistice Commission established under the General Armistice Agreement between Egypt and Israel."

(Reuter, UP)

Israel Can't Stay Passive, Sharett Tells Bennike

'UN Must Take Jordan to Task'

Israel cannot "remain passive in the face of so brazen an onslaught" as the Ma'ale Akrabim massacre which was "conceived and planned by a military centre" that the Jordanian Government can easily identify: Israel therefore urges the Chief of Staff of the Truce Supervision Organization to call the Jordan Government to task, Prime Minister Moshe Sharett told General Vagn Bennike, U.N. Chief of Staff, in Jerusalem on Friday.

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The meeting, called by Mr. Sharett expressly to convey to General Bennike a statement on the outrage, was attended by M. Henri Vigier, Political Adviser to General Bennike; Colonel W. T. McAninch, of the T.S.O. staff; Mr. Gideon Rafael, in charge of Middle East and U.N. Affairs in the Foreign Ministry; and Mr. Yosef Tekoa, in charge of Mixed Armistice Commission affairs in the Foreign Ministry.

Expresses Horror

General Bennike prefaced the conversation by expressing the deep sorrow and horror felt by the U.N. and himself at the cruel loss of innocent lives in the massacre.

The main points made by Mr. Sharett were as follows:

The attack bore unmistakable signs of a military operation carefully planned and methodically executed. It must be regarded as a warlike act.

The murderous gang was not roaming the area in quest of any casual prey. It had marched a long distance over difficult terrain to reach a fixed district and carry out a murderous task assigned to it.

Whether it consisted of regulars or men especially recruited for the purpose, there can be little doubt that the operation was conceived and planned by a military centre.

This was a wanton and entirely unprovoked outrage. It was preceded by no incident of any kind, nor did it occur against a background of border tension. It came about as a result of a murderous design, deliberately planned.

The gang penetrated deep into Israel territory and struck against a vital artery of internal communication. The Government takes the gravest possible view of this attack on the safety of traffic inside the country.

No government conscious of its responsibility for the security of its citizens and the preservation of peace within its territory can remain passive in the face of so brazen an onslaught.

Responsibility must be laid at the door of the Jordanian Government. The tracks have proved that the gang came from the direction of the Jordanian border and returned towards it.

Cannot Remain Passive

There is no doubt that the entire operation was of Jordanian design, as to planning, organization and recruitment of personnel.

The Jordanian Government has consistently defaulted in the discharge of its responsibility to keep the border inviolate and has rejected every proposal for a radical remedy.

It has even failed to respond to the summons of the U.N. Secretary General to a conference which would [illegible] the implementation of the Armistice Agreement.

Jordan is pursuing a propaganda campaign of [illegible] hatred and incitement against Israel which creates an atmosphere propitious for the hatching of murderous plots.

There can be no doubt as to the ability of the Jordanian Government to identify both those who organized the attack and those who carried it out.

The evasion of Jordan's responsibility will be tantamount to a wilful condonation of this revolting crime.

In view of the foregoing, Mr. Sharett concluded, the Government urges the Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization to call the Jordanian Government to task and insist on the adoption by it of drastic measures which will put an end to this intolerable situation.

Heavy Arms For Eilat Traffic

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — Civilian traffic beyond Kfar Yeroham — to Eilat, Sdom and Sde Boker — is to be restricted for a period of a fortnight. A military road block was put up at the Kfar Yeroham crossroads today.

The Army will issue permits to vehicles which must travel at least in pairs and must be heavily armed, it was learned tonight.

Jordan Trackers Join Search

Prospects of again picking up the three-day-old trail of the Ma'ale Akrabim killers appeared to diminish yesterday even with the help of two Beduin trackers from Jordan who joined the searching party yesterday morning.

Army sources indicated that Israel delegates to the Mixed Armistice Commission would nevertheless find no difficulty in preparing their charge that the massacre was a military operation planned in Jordan.

The tracking team, composed of Police and Army officers and two U.N. Observers who had replaced the pair formerly investigating, are continuing their search although the difficult and rocky terrain between Ma'ale Akrabim and the Jordan demarcation line greatly impeded progress.

Dogs Tired

Two of the three tracking dogs were worn out by scaling the steep ridges and had to be returned to a base for rest.

Commandant Ringlet, of Belgium, and Lt.-Colonel Norgaard, of Denmark, resumed the search, while Captain Debarr, U.S. Marine Corps, crossed to Jordan to arrange the meeting with the Beduin trackers at seven yesterday morning.

The Jordan trackers followed the trail back to the scene of the incident and later joined the Israel trackers.

Jordan's offer of a number of trackers to help the investigation was made by General John Glubb, Arab Legion Commander, and was transmitted by U.N. officials in Jerusalem to Israel delegates of the MAC on Friday. Orders to accept this offer were given later by the Chief-of-Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, and arrangements were made accordingly by U.N. personnel.

The two Beduin trackers crossed into Israel territory as scheduled, at Safi, a point on the border south of the Dead Sea. Captain Debarr escorted them to the Israel squad.

200 Vehicles Involved

The Jerusalem Post Beersheba correspondent reports that about 200 vehicles are taking part in the investigation. Beersheba is crowded with vehicles travelling to and from the area of investigation and carrying supplies to the Army, Police and U.N. personnel on the spot.

The U.N. chairman of the Israel-Jordan M.A.C. has agreed to place the Ma'ale Akrabim at the head of the M.A.C. agenda. The incident is to be discussed first at the next emergency meeting and is to be followed by three complaints now on the agenda.

The Israel delegation requested that the attack should be discussed immediately, without waiting for the full results of the investigation, as the responsibility was clear.

Egyptian Smugglers Escape After Affray

BEERSHEBA, Saturday.—Security Forces detected a caravan of smugglers from Egypt on Thursday night, and after an exchange of fire the Arabs fled, leaving behind 10,000 packages of Egyptian-made cigarette paper, a sack of explosives and two donkeys.

The explosives later were dismantled by a police demolition expert. There were no casualties.

JORDAN HANGS 4 AS 'ISRAEL SPIES'

AMMAN, Saturday (Reuter). — Four Jordanian citizens recently convicted of spying for Israel were hanged here today. All four were tried by a military court in Nablus, having allegedly pleaded guilty.

They were said to have confessed to communicating to the Jews military secrets from Jordan and other Arab states.

Reports, meanwhile, said that a Cabinet reshuffle is expected in Amman this week, following the resignation of Minister of Education Ahmed Toukan, who has been appointed to a senior post in the UNESCO Middle East Office in Beirut.

Large Crowds At Victims' Burials

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Large crowds of mourners accompanied eight of the victims of Wednesday's Ma'ale Akrabim massacre from this city to their last resting place yesterday.

The bodies of the four Eshed victims — Ephraim and Hanna Fuerstenberg, Kalman Esroni and Hanna Kirschenbaum — were brought to the Eshed club at the entrance to Sderot Rothschild here at 7 o'clock in the morning. Draped in the national flag, they were placed on a low stage with mourning candles burning nearby and a guard of honour of Eshed members posted at the corners.

During the early morning hours, hundreds of Eshed members filed past. Yehoshua Kirschenbaum, the driver-husband of Hanna Kirschenbaum, accompanied by two of his young daughters, stood weeping bitterly together with the families of the other victims.

A few minutes before 10 a.m. Sgan Aluf Y. Carmel, the President's Aide, arrived to represent Mr. Ben-Zvi. Police Minister Behor Shitreet represented the Government, and District Representative Y. Kupern the Minister of Interior.

At 10 o'clock, as the coffins were carried out into the street by members of the Eshed Directorate, all Eshed traffic throughout the country came to a halt for three minutes, in mourning.

Outside the building, a brief eulogy was delivered by Mr. Ya'acov Banai, of the Eshed Secretariat, who recalled the life history of the two drivers.

The Ma'ale Akrabim slaughter will become a symbol of the brave men who knew no fear and who paved a road from Dan to Eilat, he said. "If one falls, two will rush to take his place. Our vehicles will continue their

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Britain Urges Israel, Jordan 'Restraint'

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).— Britain yesterday urged restraint on both Israel and Jordan following the Ma'ale Akrabim massacre last Wednesday, diplomatic quarters said here today.

Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd summoned Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath and Jordan Ambassador Suleiman Nabulsi to the Foreign Office separately.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden was out of London.

Mr. Lloyd is understood here to have emphasized the need to avoid any action which could endanger peace in the Middle East.

After the British Ambassadors in Tel Aviv and Amman had reported to the Government on the massacre, the Foreign Office spokesman said today that "our Ambassadors made no preliminary assessment of the blame. Their reports were not an appraisal. We are awaiting the report of the Mixed Armistice Commission."

The spokesman declined to say whether Britain regarded the situation created by the incident as "serious" when asked to do so by a correspondent.

In Paris, French diplomatic quarters said yesterday that they hoped that the Israel Government would remain calm and "reasonable" in its dispute with Jordan over the ambush.

The sources stated that they could appreciate the feelings of the Israelis, but counselled against any measures which might aggravate the situation.

The best way to remove the present tension between Israel and Jordan is to convene a conference under Article 12 of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission. "The Manchester

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KNESSET C'TEE HEARS P.M., C.-in-C.

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee held an extraordinary meeting at the Offices of the Ministry of Defence at the Tel Aviv Kirya on Friday to discuss the Ma'ale Akrabim outrage.

After hearing reports from the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, and the Minister of Defence, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, a discussion took place and a number of proposals were made to the Government.

The Committee decided to continue its session on this issue on Monday.

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Social & Personal

The President on Friday entertained Finance Minister L. Eshkol, Education and Culture Minister B. Dinur, Minister of Interior I. Rokach, President of the Hebrew University Professor B. Mazar, Vice-President of the University Professor M. Evenari, Mr. B. Cherrick, Director of the Organization Department of the University, Mr. D. Auster and Mr. J. Meiser, of New York. On Thursday, the President received the Minister to the Netherlands and Mrs. M. Amir.

Dowager Queen Elizabeth of Belgium has written to the President to thank him for his gift of a Jerusalem Bible presented by Mr. J. Ariel, Minister to Belgium. The Queen stressed her appreciation, and her friendly attitude towards the Jewish people.

Senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were the guests in Jerusalem on Wednesday night of the Israel Executive of the World Jewish Congress for a discussion on foreign affairs.

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, received Lord Melchett last Thursday.

Mr. I. Shapiro, M.K., returned by El Al on Friday from a short visit to Europe.

Mr. Gershon Agron, editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, left on Friday by El Al for New York, at the invitation of the American Zionist Council.

A group of 22 Wizo members from Switzerland arrived by El Al on Friday for a two-week tour.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

- **Lecture:** — "Adolescence," Dr. H. Ormian: Be'eri Club, 9 p.m.
- **Exhibitions:** — 100 Years of Dutch Painting — 1850-1950. Purim Farce. Exhibit of the Month: Decorative cloth for ritual washing utensils of the "Cohanim," Bezalel National Museum, 10-1, 4-7 (Closing today).
- **Archaeology:** — Department of Antiquities. Special exhibition chalcolithic objects from Tell Abu-Matar, near Beersheba. Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

TEL AVIV

- **Dance:** — H.U. Students' Association. Patronage: Mrs. Chaim Weizmann; ZOA House.
- **Exhibitions:** — Exhibition of "Tel Aviv-Jaffa in drawing" Artists' House, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.
  General Exhibition of Israel Artists, exhibition of paintings and sculptures by 210 artists and sculptors, Museum, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-7 p.m.
  "Chaim Weizmann," ZOA House, 4 to 8 p.m.
- **Theatre:** — Habimah, "Most Cruel — The King" Habimah Theatre, 8 p.m. (tickets sold out).
- **Entertainment:** — Concert at Noga Cafe, from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight.
  Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

HAIFA

- **Lectures:** — J. Turi: "The 18th Century," 5.30 p.m.; Prof. Bergman: "History of Modern Philosophy," 7 p.m. — High School for Humanities, c/o Geulah School. M. Shadmi: "The Judean Desert," 8.30 p.m., Pevzner House.
- **Theatre:** — "Pantomime," Chamber Theatre, Armon Hall, 9 p.m.

KFAR SABA

- **Theatre:** — Habimah, "Escapade," 8 p.m.

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- **Theatre:** — Do-Re-Mi, "Victoria and her Hussar," Rama Hall, 8.30 p.m.

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LAW REPORTS

THE JERUSALEM POST
March 21, 1954

In the Jerusalem District Court Sitting as a Court of Income Tax Appeal

Before: Judge Manny (Relieving President)

Dr. Block-Wolff, Appellant, v. The Assessing Officer, Respondent.

(I.T.A. 7/54)

NO INCOME TAX RELIEF FOR REFRESHER COURSES

Judge Manny held that expenses in connection with journeys abroad for the purpose of taking refresher courses must be regarded as capital expenditure and are hence not deductible from income tax.

Dr. Block-Wolff, a Jerusalem orthodontist, who has a private clinic in Rehov Ben Yehuda, Jerusalem, and, in addition, runs a weekly clinic at the Strauss Health Centre, had claimed that she was entitled to deduct IL.637 from her income tax assessment for 1951, on the ground that she had spent that amount on a trip to the U.S. for the purpose of taking a course which would keep her up-to-date in her profession. The Income Tax Assessing Officer had refused to recognize this claim.

District Court Hearings

Mr. E. Shimron, who appeared for the Respondent, stated that he did not dispute the fact that the Appellant had gone to the U.S. for the purpose of taking a course. He was even prepared to agree that it was desirable that professional persons should go abroad periodically in order to keep in step with the advances being made in their respective professions, but there was no justification in fact or in law for deducting the expenses in connection with such trips from the income tax payable by the said professional.

Mr. A. Dori, Counsel for the Appellant, argued that it was not only desirable but essential that his client should go abroad periodically in order that her professional standards should not deteriorate. He called on Dr. S. Lewin-Epstein, Chairman of the Dental Association, to give evidence to that effect.

Dr. Lewin-Epstein said that an orthodontist must go abroad at least once every five years in order to study the latest methods. This might not be necessary in four or five years' time when the new Dental School would be in full swing, but till then it was essential.

In reply to a question by Mr. Shimron, Dr. Lewin-Epstein declared that the members of his profession were interested in improving the service they give to the public and were not concerned solely with the financial aspect of their calling. He felt that it would not be ethical to take money without giving the highest possible standard of work in return.

The witness agreed with Judge Manny that it was probable that Dr. Block-Wolff's patients would not have stopped coming to her if she had not gone to the U.S., but thought that some might have chosen to go to the Strauss Health Centre instead where the service was a good deal cheaper, if they thought that they were not benefiting from the most up-to-date methods by consulting Dr. Block-Wolff.

Case for Appellant

Mr. Dori, in presenting the case for the Appellant, argued that Sections 11(1) and 12(b) of the Income Tax Ordinance allowed expenses which were "wholly and exclusively for the purposes of acquiring the income" to be deducted from income tax. He claimed that as English Law required that expenses should be "wholly, exclusively and *necessarily*" for the purposes of acquiring the income, there existed a difference between English and Israel law. He backed up this argument by referring to Dr. S. Moses' book on income tax and quoted the same source in support of the view that expenditure which enabled a person to carry on his profession and continue to earn his profits, rather than to increase his income, was deductible from income tax. The essential point was that the trip to the U.S. had been for the purpose of *maintaining* the Appellant's professional standards and hence her income, and not for the purpose of *increasing* her earnings.

Mr. Dori cited various precedents, in particular that laid down in Morgan v. Lyle, (1953) 2 A.E.L.R., p.162, in which it was stated that expenses "for enabling a trader to carry on and earn profit in that trade," which "need not be directly and immediately productive of profit" and which are for the purpose of "preserving assets and goodwill" are deductible from income tax.

Mr. Dori then referred to several precedents dealing with the difference between capital expenditure, which is not deductible, and revenue expenditure, which is, and quoted in conclusion and recommendation by the American Law Institute that the doctrine of capital expenditure should not apply "when talking of the maintenance of standards and professional efficiency."

Case for the Assessing Officer

Mr. Shimron argued that the only criteria which should be taken into account in a case of this nature were whether the expenses were essential for the maintenance of an integral part of the source of income; whether they were incidental to the appellant's profession; and whether they were the kind of expense which an ordinary reasonable person would incur; in short, whether they came within Section 12 of the Income Tax Ordinance.

Mr. Shimron claimed that the facts showed that while it was both desirable and beneficial to the Appellant's professional standing that she should go abroad periodically in order to take refresher courses it was not essential in order to prevent a drop in her income. If she had not had the means, she would not necessarily have made the trip, but would have remained in Israel and carried on with her work. In fact these expenses were not incidental to the appellant's profession.

Judgment

Judge Manny, in delivering the judgment of the Court, found that the facts of the case were not in dispute. He held that, after carefully weighing the arguments of both sides, he had come to the conclusion that the expenses incurred by the Appellant in connection with her journey to the U.S. must be considered as capital expenditure and are therefore not deductible from income tax.

Judgment given on March 18, 1954.

For the Appellant: Mr. A. Dori.

For the Respondent: Mr. E. Shimron.

Australian Birds' Eggs For University Museum

Dr. and Mrs. A. Schalit of Australia have presented the Hebrew University with a valuable collection of specimens of birds' eggs from that country. The collection arrrived intact and will serve as an important section of the University's Zoological Museum.

The University, meanwhile, announces that the first scholarship for students of the School of Pharmacy (Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School), valued at £500, has been jointly contributed by Mr. M. Luck and Mr. L. Marco of Hove, England.

It has also been announced that Dr. Bertram Machat, of New York, has presented his office equipment for study purposes to the Dentistry School of the University, and has obtained a similar valuable gift for the School from Dr. William L. Feder of Dumont, New Jersey.

Through the good offices of the Israel Friends of the Hebrew University, Feiga and Israel Lechtman of Givatayim have established a scholarship at the University in memory of their son Sioma (Zalman), which will be awarded annually to a needy and able student of the social sciences at the University.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

Sat. at 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.

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TEST FOR THE BIG POWERS

The attack on the road to Eilat puts the Powers and their representatives to a test, says "Davar" (Histadrut). Unlike Syrian aggression in the Kinneret area, the situation in the Negev cannot be explained away as the tactics of a weak government creating a state of emergency to get a vote of confidence at home, and after the Jordan refusals to meet Israel representatives, Israel will be able to judge this complaint before the Security Council. But the same Security Council is just showing its impotence about the Egyptian blockade, and the U.N. truce supervision team, instead of preventing aggression is engaged in preparing lists of means of defence Israel may not use.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) notes that the owners of the delicate consciences in Britain and the U.S. who had been so outspoken several months ago, did not seem at all shocked this time. Apparently this conscience is subject both to time tables and political constellations. Generally speaking, the recent events have again shown that any appeasement policy of the kind suggested by certain "British progressives" is doomed to utter failure.

Not those who demand dramatic and immediate reaction to attacks but those who oppose it are "adventurists," writes Mr. M. Begin in "Herut." Experience has shown time and again that not reacting is tantamount to inviting continued acts of terror and aggression."

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) deals with the security situation in general and quotes E. Golomb, the late commander of the Hagana, who said that he does not believe in the efficacy of a policy of striking terror but in punishing those who had committed crimes. But this very task has paradoxically become more difficult than it was in 1936-39; the armistice lines shelter the terrorists. The paper says that any strategic solution must at the same time be a political solution as well.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) comments on "psychological warfare over Suez," and demands that we get full information about canal rights from Britain so that we can be protected if and when the canal changes hands.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) comments on the speeches by army commanders on the reserve officers day, and while broadly agreeing with what was said in connection with the defence of this country, it feels Mr. D. Ben Gurion's discussion of controversial and non-military questions on such an occasion was impermissible.

Eighth of World Jewry in Israel

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — There are 11,867,000 Jews in the world, more than five million of them living in the U.S., according to the American Jewish Yearbook, published here by the American Jewish Committee.

After the U.S., the Yearbook said, the countries with the largest Jewish populations were Russia with two million and Israel with 1,463,000. Germany, which once had a Jewish population of 600,000, today has only 2,650.

The Israel figure is now 12⅓% of the world total.

European countries with the largest Jewish population after the Soviet Union are Britain with 450,000 and France with 275,000. In the Western Hemisphere after the U.S., Argentina is second with 360,000 Jews and Canada third with 220,000.

The Yearbook said there were 67,550 Jews in South Africa and 58,250 in Australia and New Zealand.

The 'President' Opens for Pessah

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The President Hotel, biggest in the Capital, is to open before Pessah, according to its manager, and its 60 completed rooms are already booked for the holiday.

A second wing, consisting of 80 rooms with a ball room and cinema, is under construction, while a swimming-pool, the first outdoor pool in Jerusalem, should be ready within a few months.

The building's main facade overlooks the pool, and has a fine view of the Old City.

King's Hotel, now going up opposite Terra Sancta in King George Avenue, will outstrip the "President" by 150 bedroom-suites. Mr. D. Amid, the owner, considered that the eight-storey building would be finished within a year. Demolition of the handsome stone house on the hotel-site has begun; the weathered pink stones of the destroyed house are to be used as facing for the hotel.

Religious Services

St. Paul's Church (Musrara Qr.): H.C., 8 a.m.; E.S. 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Canon H.R.A. Jones.

St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial): M.S. 10 a.m. Rev. J.G.L. Christie, M.C. M.O.A. Vesper service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6 p.m.

Zion Christian Mission (Prophets St. near Rav Kook St.): Rev. Nils Folke, Sunday. Combined Service at Y.M.C.A. 7.30 p.m.

Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall): 7.30 p.m. All Welcome.

Catholic: 6 a.m. (German Hospice Chapel): Languages: German, Italian, English, French. 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel: Languages: English, French, German, Italian. St. Pierre de Sion (Ratisbonne): Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese: 8 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel): Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian, German: 9 a.m., St. Pierre de Sion. 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.): M.S. 7.30 a.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St. near Bikur Holim): Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Mid-week Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister M.G. Griebenow.

Bible Evangelistic Mission Assembly of God. Mamillah Road, Corner King George: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Wednesday & Friday, 7.30 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. (Rev. J.W. Foster).

Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship Vesper Service, 6 p.m. All welcome.

Brethren (Y.M.C.A., Room 110): Breaking of Bread, 5 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): E.S. 7.30 p.m.

Hebrew Evangelization Soc. Mission, (Musrara 59/18): 7 p.m Hebrew: 8 p.m. English. German Thursday: 7.30 p.m. English, German.

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation: Opp. Gan Rehavia, Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 8 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventists Congregation in Israel (Rehov Abraham Lincoln): Friday Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Saturday: M.W., 9 a.m.: Lecture Service in French, German, Bulgarian with translation in English.

Jehovah's Witnesses: 16/4 Moria St. Baka'a: Tuesday: 6.30 p.m.; Saturday: Bible Study, 5.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV & JAFFA

Anglican Church (Episcopal) in the Church of the former German Colony (off 19 Elat St.): H.C. 7.30 a.m. M.P., 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m. Preacher Rev. R.G. Allison. P.O.B.2773.

Church of Scotland (St. Peter's) Jaffa: M.S., 10 a.m., E.S., 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Church (Catholic), Jaffa Port: 7 a.m Weekdays 6 p.m. Languages, French, Italian, Spanish.

French Hospital: 8 a.m. Weekdays: 6 a.m.

St. Anthony's Church (Street 4): 8 & 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Weekdays: 7 a.m. Languages: Arabic, English, French, Italian.

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St. Luke's Church: Mountain St., near Vine St. (Anglican Protestant: Episcopal): H.C., 7.30 a.m.; M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 6.30 (P.O.B 1797).

Scandinavian Seamen's Church, Meir St. 41 (POB 1305, Rev. Per Faye Hansen) Evang. Luth. Service, 7.30 p.m. Scandinavian & German. Tuesday: Bible Study, 8 p.m.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 348, 68.9 & 522 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News), 8 a.m. 2.15 & 6.30 p.m. Turkish: 11.30 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.45 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

3.30 p.m. Football Match: Yugoslavia vs. Israel. 5.30 Tea Time Music (R). 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger: Purim Melodies. 7.30 Purim Programme. 8.00 "Wells of Work." 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.40 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Walter-Susskind; Soloist: Ida Handel; Scherzo Capriccio (Dvorak); Violin Concerto (Khatchatourian). 10.00 Vocal Recital: Ahuva Zadok. 10.30 Variety. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

460, 229, 216, 48.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m. 10.15 p.m. 4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Chess. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.20 Story. 5.35 Music (R). 5.45 Talmud Lesson. 6.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 34.9 & 469 M.): French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): 11.15 News. 11.25 Newsreel. 11.35 Vocal Recital: Naomi Zuri.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 7.00 Sports. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Rhapsody. 8.00 Entrance Ticket. 8.30 News. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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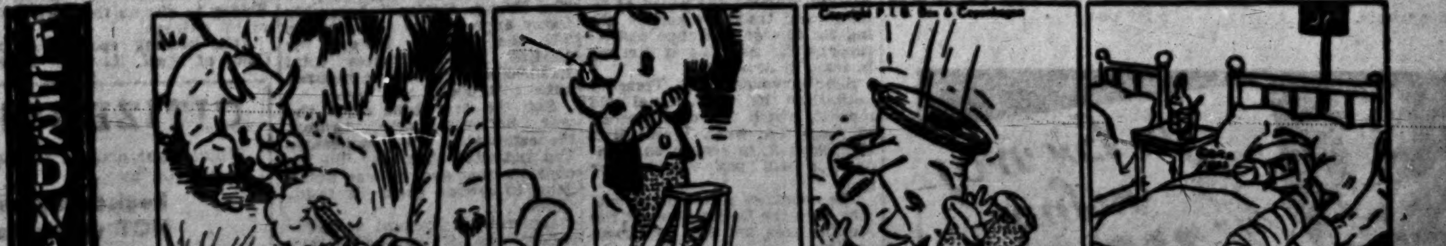

Today's Post Bag

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Haifa Port	73	10	23	24
Natanya	55	9	22	23
TelAviv North	—	—	—	23
Tel Aviv Port	77	10	19	23
Lydda Airport	49	6	23	26
Jerusalem	26	12	24	27
Beersheba	42	—	27	32
Eilat	31	16	30	35

FORECAST: Light sharav will prevail with fresh east to south-easterly winds.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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80 SWEDISH PILGRIMS arrived in Jerusalem by way of Mandelbaum Gate on Friday after touring the Holy Places in the Old City and Bethlehem. The pilgrims, who are staying at the Eden Hotel, are to tour the entire country before returning home.

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THE POLISH FREIGHTER s.s. Czech completed the loading of 35,000 cases of oranges at Jaffa Port yesterday evening. The fruit is destined for Gdansk. The occasion was marked by a press conference on board the vessel attended by the Polish Consuls General in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

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THE HISTADRUT Unemployment Credit Fund has approved credits amounting to IL.1.1m. to foster employment. The credits are for housing projects and agricultural ventures. Of the total, IL.300,000 is accorded to the Mekorot Company to prevent dismissal of personnel at the Yuval Gad pipe factory.

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THE 20TH NATIONAL Conference of the Israel Scouts Federation met at Kibbutz Hatzerim, in the Negev, on Friday, where the "Scouts Wood" will be planted. Discussions centred on attitudes towards minorities.

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THE JERUSALEM Journalists' Club in Rehov Shamai was opened on Friday with a Purim reception attended by most of the city's journalists and a large number of invited guests.

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AN EXHIBITION OF PLANS and sketches illustrating the 30-year history of Herzlia was opened by Mayor B. Z. Michaeli in Herzlia yesterday.

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A JEWISH AGENCY official, Yosef Hesel, charged with freeing IL.2,000 worth of goods by using counterfeited documents, was released on IL.400.- bail by the Anti-Profiteering Court in Tel Aviv on Friday.

5 Changes For Yugoslav Match

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Captain of the Israel National soccer eleven, Mr. Artur Barr, yesterday announced the composition of the team to play the Yugoslav XI in the international match at the Ramat Gan Stadium tomorrow as:

Hodorov, Goalie; Schweitzer and Mordechovitz, Backs, Blut, Schneour and Bendror, Half-Backs; Carmell, Goldstein, Ginsburg, Litvak and Glaser, Forwards.

Five of these players did not play in the recent matches against Greece. They are Mordechovitz, Bendror, Carmell and Ginsburg, who played in Israel's victorious second team against Cyprus, and Schweitzer, who was a first team reserve.

The Yugoslavs held their first practice game on the Ramat Gan pitch yesterday. They are to be received by Mayor Haim Levanon at the Municipality tomorrow.

International referee R. G. Liss, of Britain, and international linesmen Jismi Bazar and Sulhi Garan, of Turkey, arrived yesterday to officiate at the game, which begins at 4 p.m. A radio running commentary of the entire match will begin at 3.45 p.m.

A sports commentator from Radio Belgrade, Mr. G. Markovic, arrived yesterday to broadcast a commentary on part of the match direct to Yugoslavia.

This is the first time that Kol Yisrael has made such arrangements for a foreign broadcast.

The Dan Bus Cooperative has announced the following changes in bus services between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Line No. 22 will run by way of the Natanya highway to Tel Baruch and back.

Lines 42, 61, 62 and 52 will be suspended.

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THE FAMILY

With deepest regrets we announce the passing away of our dear mother and grandmother

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Dutch 'Finaly' Girl Found, 2nd Hidden

By HENRIETTE BOAS, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AMSTERDAM (By Airmail). — The two 13-year-old Dutch Jewish war orphans, Anneke Beekman and Betty Milhado, who were kidnapped by their respective foster mothers five and five-and-a-half years ago, were discovered in a convent near Liège, in Belgium, by the Dutch and Belgian police on Friday night, March 12. The police succeeded in getting hold of Betty, but not of Anneke.

The latter had been sitting in an annexe of the convent with her former foster mother, one of the Van Moorst sisters, who was advised of the arrival of the police at the last moment and, with her ward, jumped from a low window and escaped into a nearby forest. They are both still at large. Betty has been returned to Holland.

The Dutch police acted on the orders of the Amsterdam District Attorney, Mr. F. Hollander, himself a Jew, who assumed his present post some months ago.

(UP reports from Brussels that the Belgian police have ceased active investigation of the case. Throughout last week the police failed to discover any clues as to Anneke's whereabouts.)

The two girls, it will be recalled, who were both born in 1940, were hidden during the last years of the war by non-Jews, Anneke Beekman by the Van Moorst sisters, devout Catholics, in Hilversum, and Betty Milhado by Miss van Hoogdalen at Heerlen, in the Catholic South. Their parents did not return from deportation.

After lengthy proceedings, the girls were awarded by civil courts to Jewish guardians, but their foster mothers refused to part with them. Betty Milhado was kidnapped twice by her foster mother in the street in broad daylight, on her return from school. On the first occasion she was soon retraced, but on the second, in May 1948, she could not be found.

Anneke Beekman, after continuous opposition by the Misses van Moorst, was finally awarded by the Supreme Court on February 25, 1949, to the Dutch-Jewish Board of Guardians "Le'ezrath Hayeled". But when that same day a court officer called at the Misses van Moorst to fetch the girl, he was simply told that she had "run away."

Despite appeals by the Dutch-Jewish authorities to the Minister of Justice and the Catholic authorities, the girls were not traced. Early last July, they were reported to have been seen in a Belgian convent near Antwerp. But when the police appeared on the spot they had again disappeared.

It has now been revealed that they had indeed been in the convent, from where they were transferred to the Liège neighbourhood.

Meanwhile, Catholic circles are already expressing their fear that Betty Milhado will be sent to Israel with the co-operation of the Dutch-Jewish authorities and demand a statement that this will not happen.

TWO CHILDREN DIE CROSSING ROAD

HAIFA, Saturday. — Purim brought tragedy to the David and Tirat Hacarmel *ma'barot*, both on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway, with road accidents taking the lives of two young children yesterday.

At 10.45 a.m., Drora Sharabi, 4, of Tirat Hacarmel, was killed when she was run over by a truck driven by Eliezer Tazar. At 1 p.m., Dov Berkowitch, 3, of the David *ma'bara*, was killed when he was run over by a military vehicle driven by Yosef Moisi, a soldier. Both children were running across the main road.

Shots in Jerusalem—Just Purim

Jerusalem Post Staff

Explosions and shots reverberated in Zion Square in Jerusalem last night as young merry-makers began to enjoy the extra day of Shushan Purim.

Festivities in the Capital came to a climax with a grand ball in aid of the Magen David Adom at the King David Hotel last night. Parties and masquerades were also held in several other places, but it was really a festival for the youngsters

The most popular costume seemed to be "Zorro the Highwayman," probably for its unrestricted licence to shoot off fireworks behind the backs of the not-quite-so-cheerful grownups. As usual, girls showed superior taste with a lively array of Queen Esthers and other royalty.

Jerusalem children have another round of Purim parties today, with the main celebration at the Artists' House.

Purim in Tel Aviv this year looked very much as Purim should be, with children's costumes during the day and adult varieties at night appearing more lavish and better-planned than in recent years.

Special children's festivities were arranged by the Municipality at the Zoo, Jaffa's Luna Park, and other spots.

Britain Urges Restraint

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Guardian" commented editorially yesterday.

Israel requested such a conference and "the Secretary General of the U.N. has accepted the proposal and has offered to preside at a conference, but Jordan has twice stated that she will not attend. The gravity of what is now happening may persuade her to change her mind.

"Jordan's offer of police trackers to hunt the bandits and Israel's acceptance of the offer are a good sign."

"The New York Times" said: It must be hoped that the present truce will be preserved

"The U.N. investigation now under way ascertains that Jordan is in fact responsible. The Security Council must clearly censure Jordan in turn. But censure alone will not correct a situation in which border clashes and bloodshed are an almost daily occurrence. The only real solution is acceptance by the Arabs of the reality of Israel and mutual cooperation and goodwill."

"The New York Post" stated: "We trust that the moral anger of the U.N. will be expressed with equal vigour in this current case."

In the case of Kibya, "we said that the U.N. vote of censure against Israel was entirely warranted. But we contended that the real problem was the achievement of a durable Middle East peace.

"What makes this latest outrage so ominous is that it occurred on the same day on which Jordan spurned a U.N. invitation for top level talks with Israel to discuss conflicts growing out of the Armistice accord.

"The pillars of the Arab world seemingly believe that American concern for Middle East 'security' arrangements has lessened our interest in the survival of the Israel republic. Unless that hope is dispelled, Arab fanaticism will grow."

The "New York Herald Tribune" was critical of the attitude of the Arab states. It wrote: "The plain fact is that the Arab states have refused to take any serious steps that might contribute to peace and stability. Jordan refuses to confer with her neighbour on border problems and Egypt has resisted U.N. attempts to open the Suez Canal to Israel traffic."

FUNERALS

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journeys from border to border" he added.

Followed by a large crowd of mourners, the coffins were then carried by Eshed members to the Great Synagogue in Allenby Road where a funeral service was held and relatives recited the mourners' prayer. From there, the bodies were taken on tenders to the Nahlat Yitshak Cemetery.

The four victims were buried side by side in the military section of the cemetery.

The funeral of Reuven Boxenbaum was held from the Bugrashov Synagogue, where the body was brought yesterday morning on a military command car, accompanied by a guard of honour of steel-helmeted soldiers.

After a short service, the cortege left for the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery, where Boxenbaum was laid to rest together with Yosef Dayan, one of the soldiers murdered at Ma'ale Akrabim and Moshe Ezra and his friend Yosef Politi.

Avraham Hazan was laid to rest in the Ra'anana cemetery yesterday morning. The body was taken from his home to the local synagogue and carried from there through the township to the burial ground. Police stopped all traffic in the town during the procession.

Baruch Meshulam was buried in Jerusalem yesterday.

Eliahu Roag was buried at a military cemetery.

The Eilat Local Council, at its meeting on Thursday, decided to name the Municipal Library, to be opened shortly, after the Ma'ale Akrabim victims. The Council also elected a Security Committee to take steps to protect the lives of civilians in the area.

A company of soldiers on Thursday planted the saplings of a grove, to be named after the victims of the Ma'ale Akrabim massacre, in the "Defenders' Forest" in Beersheba.

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Dizengoff Award For Five Artists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The 19th annual Dizengoff prize yesterday was handed by Mayor Haim Levanon to five local artists.

The five, who share the IL.1,000 prize, given at the Museum, site of the home of this city's first Mayor, were:

Mr. Aharon Giladi, for his oil painting "Landscape";

Mr. Yehezkel Streichman, for his oil "A Portrait";

Mr. Yosef Kosonogi, for his water colour "Women with Jugs";

Mrs. Aviva Margalit-Flint for her colour drawing "A Composition," and Mr. Yechiel Shemi, for his basalt sculpture "A Head."

The five exhibits were purchased by the Museum which is now showing the works of 223 Israel painters and sculptors.

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500,000 Dunams For Development

More than 500,000 dunams, mostly Arab owned land, were transferred to the Development Authority by the Government, before the Acquisition of Land Law expired yesterday, *The Jerusalem Post* learns. The area transferred, according to the Official Gazette, exceeded more than 300,000 dunams a fortnight ago.

Under the Law, the Government was able to acquire lands needed for security, settlement or development. Compensation, based on 1951 land prices, is in either alternative land or cash, or both. Several hundred thousand pounds in cash have already been approved by the Development Authority to Arab landowners who have applied to regional offices set up in Tiberias, Haifa and Jaffa.

These offices negotiate with the landowners on the type of compensation preferred, the type of land (irrigated or not) preferred and amounts and all other factors. Total compensation is expected to exceed IL.7m.

The land affected contains some State-owned property.

Kariv Asks Rokach For Special Aid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Y. Kariv, and his Deputy, Mr. E. Eliachar, reiterated their request for special Government aid to the Capital, at a four-hour meeting with the Minister of Interior, Mr. I. Rokach, and senior Ministry officials, on Friday.

An addition to the regular Government Grant-in-Aid, and an immediate loan of IL.500,000 for debt-consolidation, were featured as priority needs of the Municipal treasury. Part of the meeting was devoted to discussing the possible retroactivity of rates due to be levied from Government offices in Jerusalem.

Mr. Rokach promised to bring these questions before the Cabinet within a week and to secure an answer for the Municipality. He appeared sympathetic towards their demands, but asked for a balanced budget to be submitted by the end of the month.

Ways and means of ensuring a cheaper water supply for the Capital also came under discussion, but no decisions were reached. *(Leader, p.4).*

Customs Official Held

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A customs official here, Israel Zussman, a customs clearing agent from Haifa, Erich Katzner, and Avraham Amirak, owner of a store in Jaffa, were remanded in custody for 12, 10 and six days respectively by the Anti-Profiteering court here yesterday on a charge of being involved in the smuggling of IL.100,000 worth of textiles.

Rhodes 'Indignant' At Enosis Refusal

By IRIS K. RUSSELL, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Saturday. — Archbishop Makarios, head of the Cyprus Orthodox Church and leader of the right-wing struggle for Enosis (union with Greece), this afternoon attributed yesterday's demonstrations in Rhodes to an "outburst of indignation" caused to the Greek people by Foreign Secretary Eden's statement in the British House of Commons this week that Britain could not agree to discuss the status of Cyprus with Greece.

The Archbishop was speaking from St. John's Cathedral here a few hours after his return this morning from his five-week visit to Greece and Rhodes.

He also told his flock that in talks with the Greek Government, he had been assured that Greece would place the Enosis question on the U.N. agenda before the next General Assembly if Britain refused bilateral talks with Greece by September 1.

Special police precautions were taken this morning at Nicosia Airport before the Archbishop's arrival, while extra police were stationed along the route to the capital and in the streets surrounding the cathedral. Some 500 persons waited at the airport to greet the Archbishop with loud cheers of "Enosis" when his plane landed.

Strengthening Rail Link

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — To enable passenger railway traffic between Tel Aviv and Haifa to be speeded up, the permanent way between Zichron Ya'akov and Tzomet Remez is to be relaid with heavier equipment.

T.C.A. Counterpart funds involved amount to IL.205,000, of which IL.82,000 is to be released immediately. The total cost of the scheme will be IL.250,320, the Finance Ministry and T.C.A. announced yesterday.

New rails weighing 46.3 kg. per metre are to be laid in place of the present rails weighing only 37 kg. Suitably heavy sleepers and switches are also being installed. The work should be completed by July.

NOTICE

In accordance with Order of the District Court Tel Aviv-Jaffa of Feb. 26, 1954 File No.502/52, the following summons is published:

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vs.

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MOSHE DOAR, Registrar

Particulars regarding papers and documents may be obtained at the Secretariat of the District Court, Tel Aviv-Jaffa.

New York Banks Lend U.J.A. $20m.

NEW YORK, Saturday (INA). — A group of seven New York banks have granted a loan of $20m. to the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, Mr. S.D. Leidesdorf, U.J.A. Treasurer, announced.

He said that the U.J.A. envisages it as a five-year programme, starting as a two-year loan which may be reviewed annually. It is to be used as part of the $75m. for the funding of Israel's short-term indebtedness.

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RELATIONS. — A Japanese Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that resumption of diplomatic relations between Japan and the Lebanon was in sight.

CHIANG. — Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the Kuomintang leader, failed by 136 votes to win election as Nationalist China's new President in a first ballot by the National Assembly in Taipeh, Formosa, yesterday. A second ballot will be held tomorrow.

KOMSOMOL. — Soviet Prime Minister Georgi Malenkov attended the opening of the 12th Congress of the Komsomol (Young Communist League) in the Great Kremlin Palace on Friday. Foreign Minister Molotov and other government leaders were also present.

DIES. — Dr. S. Burt Wolbach, one of the world's leading pathologists, died at Sundbury, Massachusetts, on Friday. He was 73.

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BOARD FOR THE CAPITAL

WE are grateful for small things no less than for the big ones, and the fact that we have not been disturbed recently with crises in the Jerusalem Municipality is a welcome sign in our turbulent municipal existence. Thanks to the special Government grant of almost a quarter of a million pounds in January and February the municipal strike was settled; thanks to the efforts of the Government Rate Commissioner, further such stoppages have been averted. Over IL.400,000 were collected in February, and the intake of about IL.15,000 a day in March augurs well for the future. But precisely because we are going through a period of apparent normalcy, it is appropriate that we should indulge in some stocktaking with a view to the future.

The Municipality has now passed a resolution for next year's rates which have not been increased. Consequently, it is safe to assume that next year's ordinary revenue will not exceed the approved estimates of last year's, that is about four million pounds. Even with the most optimistic estimates, this sum could not reach any real increase. This was implied even by the Deputy Mayor's statement in the Council when he requested a large Government grant to tide over the financial difficulties of the Capital during the coming financial year (a grant requested again on Friday of the Interior Minister). The Deputy Mayor bases his request on the recommendation, among other things, of the Cheshin Report and on subsequent statements of Government Ministers. The question we are faced with however is — granted that assistance is justified — what form will it take and what will it avail.

No one will dispute the objective fact that Jerusalem is in need of greater support than any other Local Authority, not only because she has absorbed over 50,000 new immigrants or because, on account of her geographical situation, her economy lags behind other localities in its development, but because she is the Capital. This special treatment and original approach its elected Counsellors cannot and perhaps should not be expected to give her. A capital city is the concern of the whole State, and the State should not be satisfied with palliatives and with simply trying to avert crises which in the past have only been too common. This undoubtedly is the duty of the Government too. The increased ordinary revenues should be sufficient with the necessary supervision by the Government and retrenchment in expenditure by the Council itself to meet the normal current responsibilities associated with Municipal Government. But the plans, works and the execution of the Capital's development should be the concern of the State.

Canada's Ottawa has, in addition to its Municipal Government, a Federal Board whose main responsibility is the planning and development of the Capital area. Comparisons are of course odious; conditions in one locality certainly do not correspond to another, and Ottawa is a long way from Jerusalem. But perhaps we can take a leaf from the Canadian Administration and apply it to our own needs. As it happens, we are already working in that direction. The Jerusalem Economic Corporation, for example, has been the main factor in the city's economic developments. The Corporation is financed mainly out of Government funds. The biggest housing programmes in Jerusalem have been a Government undertaking. The Kirya scheme is another Government enterprise. The University and Hadassah development plans are financed by public funds and so are road construction, water schemes and electricity. It is entirely reasonable, therefore, to make a clearcut distinction between Municipal and Government responsibility in the Capital. Much of the acrimonious feeling could then be done away with and constructive efforts channelled in the right direction.

Such a Board for the Capital, if properly constituted, will go a long way towards solving the immediate and future problems of the city. By releasing the Council from greater responsibilities, it will enable it to devote its attention to purely administrative affairs.

The Week in the Knesset

POLICE MINISTER'S REPORT

By GERDA LUFT

WHILE the Finance Committee grinds away at the huge task of preparing the budget for its final reading the Plenary proceeds from the discussion of one Ministry to the other. Thus the varied and complicated work of the government machine is displayed before the House which has an opportunity of studying progress made, mistakes to be rectified, reforms to be introduced.

It is doubtful whether this opportunity is used to the full. Attendance at the House is slack and few members who try to study the reports of the various Ministries thoroughly so as to be able to acquaint themselves with the solution of unsolved questions. And there are many of these. The group of Ministries discussed last week, that of the Police, of Justice and of the Interior, concern the vital administrative jobs which touch on the daily life of the citizen. How much public money should be allocated to each of them is only one side of the question. How they should be developed and organized is the other, and no less important.

The Minister of Police took the opportunity of introducing the estimates for the coming year to provide the Knesset with a figure-studded survey of the work of the police. The parts of his report which are of special interest for the general public are those which transcend the boundaries of pure police work, that is those concerned with juvenile delinquents and with the fate of persons released from terms of imprisonment.

Mr. Shitreet pointed out that last year the crime rate was somewhat less steep than the year before, but that the number of juvenile delinquents is on the increase. This obviously is not a matter for the police but for educators and those concerned with the social fate of the community. The Minister of Police stressed that a rising number of juvenile delinquents means more trouble in the year to come. He is, of course, not the first to warn the public about this grave danger. Social workers, teachers and probation officers have done it before but it is important that the point should be raised in the Knesset. Yet it did not arouse much response.

The same must be said of Mr. Shitreet's appeal to do something for the prisoner released from jail. An ex-convict unable to find a place in society will be an easy prey for temptations to break the law again and will thus find himself back in gaol after all too brief an interval. The Minister suggested the formation of an association which would assist the released convict and help him in his first steps to an orderly life. It is to be deplored that such a society has not been formed already. Are we not becoming too much accustomed to government-initiative in every field, losing the urge to do things by ourselves?

Similar thoughts occurred to many listeners when Mr. Wahrhaftig reported on the work of the Religious Affairs Ministry and touched on the burial arrangements which are unsatisfactory to many. He thought that it would cost the state millions a year if it would take upon itself the care for burials and that with the present shortage of money nothing much could be done to improve matters. Could not the initiative of a body of citizens improve matters and break the monopoly of burial societies that in many cases offend the feelings of relatives? It surely is a bad sign if the citizen always looks to the Government for redress, heaping too many tasks on an already overburdened machine and losing the impetus, the will and the capability to help himself which lies at the root of democratic government.

> **Only a couple of weeks are left for the Knesset to finish its work on the budget. To make this possible the House steadily adds another hour to its daily work-schedule. Evening-meetings which usually end at ten were extended until eleven last week and will last until twelve the next. Some members wonder whether this is training for the all-night session which usually accompanies the budget vote.**

According to Mr. Wahrhaftig a number of religious institutions — Yeshivot, ritual baths and so on — were financed, among other sources, out of the development budget of last year. This is a new example — and an extreme one — how the notion of "development" is stretched unduly and how this budget is used to stop holes which otherwise cannot be filled. It is no secret that in many instances decisions in this respect are not made according to logic or to economic requirements, but according to expediency and as a result of political bargaining.

The report of the Minister of Interior opened a field of discussion which is not yet sufficiently explored: relations between the Ministry and the Municipalities ad local councils, and the division of powers between them. Relations between the Ministry of Interior and the Municipalities are governed by ordinances and habits developed under the Mandate. This in itself is no drawback. But political struggles and lack of apt administrators in townships leave their marks on the cities — and not only in Jerusalem. The debate should at least influence town-dwellers to show greater interest in the affairs of their cities — not only in Jerusalem.

Readers' Letters

KOL YISRAEL ORCHESTRA

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In *The Jerusalem Post* of March 9, I read that the Ministry of Education and Culture has allocated the sum of IL.100,000 for the erection of the Wingate Sports Centre near Natanya. A few days before that we read that 10 out of 32 musicians of the Kol Yisrael Orchestra are to be dismissed for budgetary reasons, thus making it impossible to continue with the Tuesday night concerts and reducing this orchestra to the level of a small theatre or entertainment ensemble.

As a bewildered reader, I wonder, if the Ministry of Education and Culture has at its disposal sums running into six figures for the purpose of helping to erect a Sports Centre, why cannot the tenth part of that amount be spared to save our only broadcasting orchestra and the Capital's only orchestra? With all due regard for the importance of a sports' centre, one has to point out that its importance — educationally, culturally and politically — cannot be compared with the importance of an orchestra which represents the State and the Capital to millions of radio listeners within the country and abroad.

Yours, etc.,
HELMUT ROSENTHAL
Jerusalem, March 9.

RESERVE SERVICE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Our defence forces are doing their best under most difficult conditions, and every citizen of Israel should be proud of the visible progress achieved during their existence and grateful for the sense of security they give us. Every citizen must do his utmost in helping our forces in their great responsibility and heavy tasks. An army cannot always take into consideration the comfort and wishes of its personnel. Still, considering the difficult times through which we are passing, I think exceptions could be made for a limited period to ease the financial hardship that one aspect of reserve duty imposes.

I refer to the three-day period call-up for reserve duty, for which no pay is allotted. It mostly hits the day worker, who can ill afford to lose his wages. Does it not seem wiser to add those days to the yearly service or, if that is impossible, to pay the 80% for those days? I hope that the competent authorities will take into account the hardship encountered by many, and will find a way of helping them.

Yours, etc.,
H.A.
Tel Aviv, February 8.

Ministry Replies

The three-day service in the reserves is in the same category as the one-day service. The payment of workers' wages for these days is the responsibility of the employer.

This regulation cannot be applied to a worker, such as a daily worker, who is not permanently employed. No solution has been found for this type of worker, nor for reservists who are independent or self-employed. The responsible authorities are now dealing with both these problems, and it is hoped that a satisfactory general solution will be found.

Yours, etc.,
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
S. BEN-MOSHE
Tel Aviv, February 23.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In the present discussion on Israel propaganda and public relations I should like to draw attention to a minor aspect which, obvious though it may seem, is often neglected.

Jews in any given country abroad are of course particularly interested in any event or development in Israel having some connection with themselves. Often these events are not of such worldwide interest that news about them is cabled by the international news agencies and except for private initiative, the Jews and non-Jews in this country remain ignorant of such news.

The last few weeks have yielded the following examples so far as Holland is concerned:

1) On February 10, Mr. Henry Montor, at a press conference in Jerusalem, announced that on April 1 a Bond Drive would be launched in a number of additional countries, among them Holland. Though in this case those persons here who will be responsible for the Bond Drive have no doubt been informed, not a syllable has so far appeared about it in the Press, not even in the Jewish newspapers.

2) On February 18, according to the Israel Press, the Foreign Ministry spokesman made an announcement about the Queen Juliana Village at Kfar Hayorim. No such news was released here where even those closely connected with the project learned about it only after someone here had received a newspaper from Israel.

3) We learned about the present exhibition of Dutch paintings in Israel from correspondents of Dutch papers in Israel and from a communique by the Amsterdam Municipal Museum which loaned the paintings, but not from an official Israel source.

4) Finally, it was completely by chance that I learned some days ago that El Al has opened a weekly freight service to Amsterdam and even has an office of its own at Schiphol.

This situation can easily be mended with little or no expenditure.

Yours, etc.,
HENRIETTE BOAS
Amsterdam, March 1.

MUSICAL DIARY

AT the Do-Re-Mi Theatre in Ramat Gan, George Val's second production of a Hungarian operetta, Paul Abraham's "Victoria and her Hussar," was shown to the Press on Monday night. The new venture was lavish in decorative design, and was so expertly performed and irected that the improvements on "Countess Maritza" were evident. Musically, however, Abraham's work appeared not quite so rewarding and durable as Kalman's "Countess."

Paul Abraham was considered the possible successor of Kalman in the late 'twenties. Following the new trends in the sphere of light music, Abraham orchestrated his czardas, waltz and foxtrot ideas masterfully for small orchestras, and although his scores had to be fitted to the seemingly unalterable cliches of operetta libretti, he gave the genre new musical wit. Small wonder that works like "Blossom of Hawaii," "Victoria and her Hussar," and "Ball at the Savoy" were tremendously successful on the European continent, and the best singers and comedians available used to interpret the composer's fancies.

Today, his music appears less effective than that of Kalman. One slow waltz in "Victoria and her Hussar" only became popular the world over and sounds fresh and animating even today. On the other hand, Do-Re-Mi's orchestra is too small even for Abraham, and a larger ensemble might have been more effective in bringing the music out. The conductor, Paul Cosla, did what he could under such circumstances.

Great Show

The possibilities the libretto offers to the protagonists as well as to the stage designer were excellently exploited. Considering the fact that the cavalry officer here must be at a World War I Siberian prisoner of war camp in the prologue, in the Garden of the American Embassy in Tokyo (where he meets his Hungarian girl friend as the wife of the ambassador) in the first act, in St. Petersburg in the second, and back in Hungary in the third, the settings (Jean Gillon's) were not only of an imposing variety but also of much taste. Mia Arbatova's ballet, of course, followed the events in choreographically well-designed elaborations, with some excellent soloists highlighting the show. Only the first act finale was too long, and some cuts in this scene would contribute to the necessary condensation of the whole performance.

Ensemble and direction (Bitush Davidoff) have improved; Getta Luca, for instance, who was rather provincial in "Maritza," appears now more than acceptable, and a new member, Joseph Goland, as Koltay's servant, adds his very personal antics to the comedy. Sarah Rubin and Fredy Levy in the main roles show again that they are fine singers, while Walter Bach is a distinguished American ambassador in the true operetta tradition. No less traditional were Dorothea Liviu and A. Yahalomi. Efraim Dror translated the original libretto by Alfred Gruenwald and Fritz Lohner-Beda expertly.

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Vietnamese Resent French Attitude

Tenuous Position in Indo-China

By RAWLE KNOX

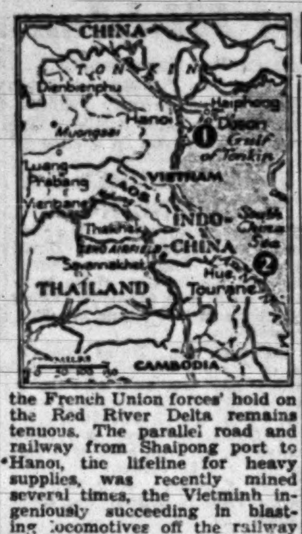
SINGAPORE (OFNS). — EXASPERATION is the first Vietnamese reaction to French insistence that the three Associated States of Indo-China — of which Vietnam is one — must remain within the French Union if they are to expect French military aid against Communism. Although the Vietnamese delegation now in Paris had been warned of this attitude before leaving Saigon, Prince Buu Loc, the Vietnam Premier, and his colleagues, hoped that at this vital moment France would see the wisdom of making a grand gesture. Any disillusionment the French may feel about the military and political progress of Vietnam is balanced in Saigon, and especially in Hanoi, by the Vietnamese belief that French lukewarmness in the field and insincerity in politics have smothered the Vietnamese State in its infancy.

That there should be such feelings between French and Vietnamese almost on the eve of the five-Power Geneva conference which will discuss Indo-China, is, of course, calamitous.

It was undoubtedly to fan these embers that Hoang Ninh Giam, the Vietminh Foreign Minister restated the position of Ho Chi-Minh; the Vietminh leader, on the question of a cease-fire. "If, having learned the lesson of these years of war, the French Government wishes to have an armistice and settle the question of Vietnam through negotiations (we) will be ready to meet a French proposal."

Terms Left Vague

Ho Chi-Minh's terms are still left studiously vague, far less so than those of the French Premier, M. Laniel; and their very vagueness may well tempt the French to seek further details. Undoubtedly the Vietminh hope, for sound tactical reasons, to lead the French to make the first definite approach.



Meanwhile in North Vietnam the French Union forces' hold on the Red River Delta remains tenuous. The parallel road and railway from Shaipong port to Hanoi, the lifeline for heavy supplies, was recently mined several times, the Vietminh ingeniously succeeding in blasting locomotives off the railway tracks on to the road, thus successfully blocking both.

The Vietminh High Command has decorated the unit which attacked Catbi Airfield at Haiphong and (according to Vietminh figures) destroyed 60 planes. The French figure is about one-fifth of this; but Vietminh jubilation is due to the fact that U.S. technicians, about whose employment Hoang Ninh Giang has launched a solemn protest over the radio, are working at Catbi and that two of the new bombers supplied to Indo-China by the U.S. were undoubtedly wrecked in the raid.

Even accepting French figures, the raids on Catbi and on Hanoi's Gialam Airport were serious enough. The problem of the French High Command at the moment is not only to win the battle of Dien Bien Phu, but to reinforce the Delta area sufficiently to show real strength there at a time when armistice talks may be pending (M. Laniel demanded the withdrawal of Vietminh troops from the Delta, but could hardly persist in this if the French Union position there remains as precarious as at present.)

There should be troops to spare in the Savannakhet region of central Laos, another of the Associated States, where Vietminh pressure had virtually ceased in recent weeks; but presumably anticipating this, Gen. Giap has put in an attack on Colonial Route Nine, linking Savannakhet with Quang Tri, forcing the French Union troops to redeploy in that area. It is worth noting also that in north Laos, the Vietminh claim to have "liberated" two Laotian districts on the Yunnan border, which may presage further supplies for Vietminh troops now suffering severely from lengthy supply lines in Laos.

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